

Rediscover Your Library

A campaign to publicize the services and programs available at the Shrewsbury Public Library.



Over the years libraries services have evolved and become more varied and robust. So much has changed that library users might not be aware of all that's available today.

To dispel some of the mystery, the Shrewsbury Public Library has undertaken a "*Rediscover Your Library*" campaign to let users know about the great collections, programs and services available at the library.

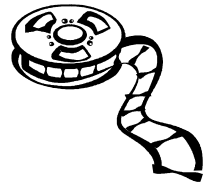
The information listed below should give you some idea of the range of services you can find at the library, but we'd also be happy to give the "road show" version of this information to your community group or association. To set up such a program call Ellen Dolan or George Brown at 508-842-0081.

Here are some of the traditional and innovative services which might interest you:



The library has **books in all formats**: regular print, large print, books on tape, books on CD – and even downloadable books you can load onto your MP3 Player or copy onto CD

- We loan **movies** in video and DVD format –and we have a collection of described videos for people with vision impairments



- Our **Outreach Librarian** can deliver library materials to people who are unable to visit the library. We deliver books to senior housing units, nursing homes, and individuals in their homes, both on a temporary or long term basis. We also deliver library materials to schools, daycare centers and other

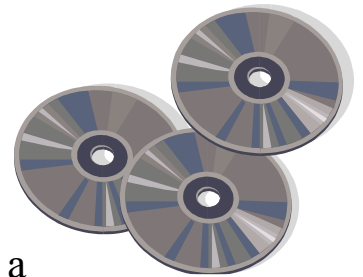
educational settings. Our silver-colored Outreach Van can deliver and retrieve books, videos, magazines and other library materials to you on a bi-weekly basis. Just call 508-841-8535 and speak to the Outreach Librarian Deb Mayo to apply for this service.

- The Shrewsbury Public Library subscribes to **over 200 newspaper and serial subscriptions**. You can browse the recent issue of each title in the library, or check out previous issues for one week. Keep up with your favorite reading material without those high subscription costs.



- Does your non-profit group or association need **meeting space**? The library provides meeting rooms for public use. Please book ahead by contacting Ellen Dolan or Nancy Colby at 508-842-0081, ext. 3.

- The library has a wide range of **music cassettes and CDs** in areas such as jazz, rock, classical, international, holiday, folk, theater and much more. These items can be checked out for three weeks. Spice up your listening with a few titles from the library.



- For people with **vision or hearing impairments**, you can find equipment and materials to assist you. There are magnifying machines to use in the library (including a portable version to check out for an extended period). We have special materials such as audio books, described videos, large print magazines and books. We can also assist you in connecting with the services of the Talking Book Library in Worcester. And we can accept your TTY calls at 508-841-8530. Please let us know ways we can assist you in accessing library services, and we'll be happy to serve you.



- Don't forget the numerous **programs for children, teens and adults**. In our library newsletter (which is mailed to every resident four times per year) you'll find programs such as story hours, craft activities, teen craft programs, book discussion groups for various ages, computer classes for all abilities, genealogy clubs, teen advisory clubs, historical programs, and a wide variety of educational and recreational



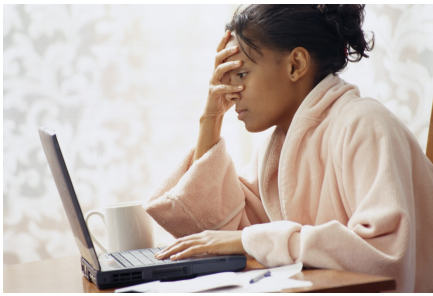
programs. Watch for your newsletter in the mail, or check out our website at <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library/>.

- The library has two **display cases** which can be booked by the public. If you have

collectibles, memorabilia or other items that might interest the public, please speak to staff member Deb Alger to see what months are available to show off your treasures.



- You can now access many **library services online**. Place a hold on a desired book, renew items you already have checked out, review your library record and search the online catalog. It can all be done from home, school or



workplace; any time day or night. Nothing beats taking care of library business in your pajamas! To access these online services go to <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library/> and follow the links for catalog or renewals.

- You can also access robust, accurate and **FREE reference information online**. You can find a wide range of electronic reference databases that the library purchases on your behalf. You'll find car repair manuals, curriculum support materials to support students of all ages, general encyclopedia type information, biography sources, full text of magazine articles, medical, science and other reliable information. Your library card number is the password to access these online sources, so have your card handy. Just follow the link <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library/reference.asp>.

- Ever needed a question answered at 10:00 p.m.? We have just the service for you. **MassAnswers** is a 24 hour, 7 day per week, chat based reference service. A live librarian will take your question via computer, and respond to you with the information you need. Other than access to the Internet, no special software or equipment is needed. You can find this service at <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library/reference.asp>

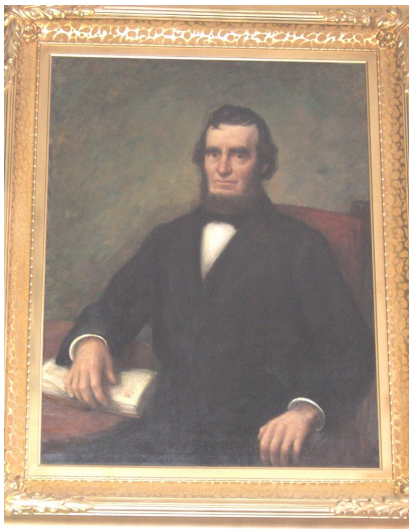


- Do you “listen to” your books? We have the perfect service for you. With your library card you can find **digital Audio Books** and eBooks for your

enjoyment. Browse and search hundreds of great titles and download them to computers, transfer them to portable devices, or burn them onto CDs for reading and listening anywhere, anytime. Just follow the link <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library/reference.asp>.

- Need **help with using computers** or accessing any of the online services. Our Electronics Resources Librarian Amelia Peloquin will be happy to assist you. Sign up for classes at the library, learn new skills, and obtain information about all the exciting electronic resources available with your library card.

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Are you a history buff? Consider using materials from the Ward Room, which houses our **historical collection**. You'll find items such as Shrewsbury news clippings, genealogy and local history materials, a great collection of photographs of the tornado that tore through Shrewsbury in 1953, and much more. Just search our online catalog, or speak to our reference Librarian Jason Cavanaugh to use these materials in the library.

- Planning an outing? How about free or reduced cost **passes to area museums**. You'll find passes for local museums such as the Ecotarium, the Worcester Art museum- as well as passes for more distant museums such as the Norman Rockwell museum. Visit the library website at <http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/library/passes.asp> to view a full list of the passes and to make your reservation online. We can also accept your reservations by phone at 508-842-0081 ext. 3.



- **Free Computer access.** Use library computers to get free access to the Internet, the online reference databases described above, and a variety of word-processing and office software. We also offer free wireless Internet access to patrons who have laptop computers. Use the library computers to keep in touch with family and friends, learn new computer skills in non-



threatening environment and access great online resources with helpful assistance.

Stop by the library, take a look at the website, or attend a program and see why you'll want to.....

REDISCOVER YOUR LIBRARY

Shrewsbury Public Library

609 Main Street

Ph 508-842-8100

TTY508-841-8530

<http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/content/newresidents.asp>

Hours:

Monday - Wednesday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm

Thursday – Saturday* 900 am to 5:00 pm

****Closed Saturdays July-August***

Sundays* 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

****Only during winter months, but length of Sunday season varies, please check at library for actual dates***

See what other folks have already discovered at the public library...

Did you know?

During the month of February 2006, the Shrewsbury Library...

- Loaned 24,373 books, magazines, videos, games etc. to library patrons
- Welcomed 18,224 visitors
- Provided library patrons with access to the Internet and word-processing computers 980 times
- Borrowed 1,926 items from other libraries for our patrons with the Inter-library loan system
- Hosted 28 adult, teen and children's programs and 465 people attended these programs
- Delivered 1,210 items via our outreach service visiting 61 people or organizations
- Provided families and individuals with 95 free or discount passes to area museums

